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- 11. In February 2006, Uzbekistan published a "National Program on Influenza Prevention and Control, and Pandemic Prepareadness." Deputy Prime Minister Rustam Kosimov reportedly coordinated the drafting of the plan, which was endorsed by the Cabinet of Ministers. We have separately e-mailed a full copy of the report in Russian (and an unofficial English translation), to the G/AIAG recipients as instructed in reftel.
- 12. The Ministry of Emergency Situations conducted a test of its response plan in April 2006, with the participation of the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources. Following that exercise, multiple regional-level planning sessions were also held. We are seeking to obtain more detailed information about these exercises. While no websites that we know of have published the full Avian Influenza response plan, sites such as www.grip.uz include extensive Avian Influenza-related information and prevention guidelines.

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